



Specialist group graduates

Bids called for medical complex

RIYADH, Oct. 22 (SPA) — A tender has been put out for the construction of Riyadh's massive medical complex which comprises four specialist hospitals with a combined capacity of 1,400 beds.

This was revealed by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman Wednesday night during a ceremony marking the graduation of the Health Ministry first batch of a specialist program on children's medicine. The event was held at the Intercontinental Hotel.

The program was organized by the ministry in cooperation with Edinburgh University of Britain and Riyadh University's college of medicine.

Prince Salman told newsmen that King Khaled's health condition was good and that he had been admitted to the hospital for a routine medical checkup. He also expressed his pleasure to see national and foreign doctors working in the Kingdom graduate after taking such a specialist program.

He also announced that a hospital will be built in the southern part of the capital after being approved by Crown Prince Fahd. The Health Ministry is arranging for the beginning of construction, he said. The prince also said that the specialist eye hospital in Riyadh will be dedicated shortly.

All these projects are executed under the directives of King Khaled and Prince Fahd, he said. Speaking about the obstacles facing the Health Ministry in finding land plots in Riyadh for building a number of clinics, Prince Salman said this problem has been cleared in several meetings held between the ministry and the Supreme Committee for the



Prince Salman

Development of Riyadh. The ministry will be handed the sites shortly, he added.

Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazeera told the audience that the eye hospital, which is a present from King Khaled to the people, will be operative by the second half of the current fiscal year. The hospital's initial capacity, 363 beds, will be reached gradually starting with 50 beds.

The minister reviewed the efforts to provide the skilled personnel for the expanding demands of health services. He also presented an account of the sharp increase and expansion of the ministry's installations in Riyadh.

He said that the number of beds at Riyadh central hospital jumped from 400 in 1977 to 800 this year, with an additional 100-bed



Dr. Hussein Al-Jazeera

expansion work underway to being the hospital's overall capacity to 900 beds. The maternity and Children Hospital's capacity almost doubled between 1977 and 1981 from 320 beds to 630. A 150-bed expansion also is underway to further boost the hospital's capacity, the minister said.

About other health projects in the Central Region, Jazeera said that 500 hospital beds will be installed in several parts of the region. A 200-bed hospital is under construction in Khujr and other three 100-bed hospitals are planned for Vujama, Aff and Aflaj. In addition, 98 clinics and 54 health centers will be built across the region, the minister said.

Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdul Aziz Al-Suwailim, the program director; Dr. John Forman, the program supervisor; and Dr. Muhammad Abdul Aziz Al-Sulaifeh, spoke on behalf of the graduates who numbered 18 doctors.

Then Prince Salman and Dr. Jazeera presented diplomas to the graduates. The event was attended by Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer, Civil Service Bureau President Sheikh Turki Al-Sudairi and senior officials of the health ministry and hospital directors.

During the Third Five-Year Development Plan, the ministry aims to increase the number of hospital beds to 2.2 per 1,000 citizens and improve the ratio of physicians to population to 5.9 per 10,000 and that of the nursing staff to 10.6 per 10,000 citizens.

Under the plan, the ministry plans to establish 36 additional hospitals with a total capacity of 7,550 beds and 300 new centers for primary medical care. The Riyadh medical complex is the largest at an estimated cost of SR1.5 billion. The ministry envisages to increase its medical manpower to 26,760 (6,130 physicians, 11,250 nurses and 9,380 assistant technicians).

Its total allocations for the third plan will be SR3.9 billion, in addition to funds allotted to other ministries and government departments involved in health services.



(Arab News photo)

LATEST: One of the latest hospitals to be built by the Health Ministry is the Jeddah public hospital, photo above. It is part of an ambitious scheme to provide medical care throughout the country.

20 farmers win awards for distinction

JOUF, Oct. 22 (SPA) — Twenty farmers from Jouf were granted a total of SR42,387 prizes here Wednesday evening in a contest for choosing the most productive farmers. The winners were given citations at a ceremony held under Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Ahmad Al-Sudairi, the emir of Jouf.

Five categories of farmers were entered for the contest. Abdul Rahman Al-Dayes won the first prize of SR86,133 axial spray irrigation device for the greatest wheat producing farmer. Other first place winners were: Aved Hamed Al-Hadhi who won a SR45,354 in the fallow-land farms contest; Fahal Al-Namsh was given a 105-hp machine worth SR43,000 for the modern fallow-land farms; Muazi Musallam Al-Houzani won an 80 hp machine (worth SR28,000) for the old farms contest; and Abdul Rahman Al-Darwish won SR25,000 for the largest date harvest.

Other prizes ranged from SR24,000 to SR9,100. Cash prizes were contributed by Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, SR50,000; Prince Turki, SR50,000; Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, SR50,000; Al-Rajhi Trade and Currency Exchange Company, SR10,000; the National Commercial Bank, SR10,000; Riyadh Bank, SR10,000; and Sheikh Mashour Al-Shaalani, SR5,000.

Meanwhile, Arab Agricultural Establishment contributed an SR86,133 axial spray irrigation device with installation; Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Jufali and Bros. gave a SR45,354 farm tractor; Abdullah Al-Khereif Sons Company granted a SR43,000 agricultural machine; Abdul Aziz Al-Jumaih contributed a SR28,900 agricultural machine; and Zahid Tractor a SR24,000 pickup truck.

Jazeera to visit Pakistan soon

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 22 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazeera will visit Pakistan soon at the invitation of his counterpart Dr. Nassir Al Din.

The Pakistani minister said here Thursday that Dr. Jazeera will be accompanied by the Tunisian Minister of Health and will hold talks with him about further cooperation in health matters. They will also visit medical institutes, hospitals and drug factories.

Dr. Nassir Al Din said that his country supported the appointment of Dr. Jazeera as the regional director of the World Health Organization. The Arab Health Ministers Conference which was held in Tunis earlier this month had also recommended the appointment of Dr. Al Jazeera.

FROM THE GULF

ABU DHABI, Oct. 22 (WAM) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky will pay a three-day official visit to the UAE on Dec. 3. UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah has met here with Austrian charge d'affaires, Peter Singer, to arrange for the visit. Kreisky is due to visit the UAE in March but a sudden illness has prevented him from making the trip which was supposed also to take him to other Arab Gulf countries. It was not known if the chancellor will visit other countries in the area. The meeting between Abdullah and the Austrian diplomat also dealt with bilateral relations and means of boosting them. The minister later met with Ahmed Hassan Al-Murouni, the Yemen Arab Republic ambassador to the UAE, for a review of bilateral relations, current situation in the Middle East in the light of recent developments and other issues of mutual interest. The possibility of setting a date for a meeting of the co-ordination committee of both countries was also discussed at the meeting.

ABU DHABI, Oct. 22 (WAM) — A special envoy of Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu arrived here Friday from Kuwait on a two-day official visit to the United Arab Emirates as part of a tour in the area. Vastle Pungan, a minister of state and special envoy of the Romanian president, is carrying a message to UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan from President Ceausescu dealing with bilateral co-operation. Romania does not have diplomatic relations with the UAE, but has an active trade center with its national airline company, TAROM, operating to bring meat and tourists.

SHARJAH, Oct. 22 — India makes a strong representation at Sharjah Expo Center's fifth annual international expo 81 from Nov. 26 to Dec. 6, 1981. Qamar Zeman, vice president for the Middle East and Asia sales, has said the market awareness of expo center's international trade fairs was intensive. "Following individual market successes at our spring fair '81, the interest is tremendous," he said. This is reflected in the strength of Indian participation at expo 81. Over 25 companies have already taken space with many more now working out the necessary exchange control procedures in that country. Direct inquiries for participation, over the summer have amounted to almost one hundred.

ABU DHABI, Oct. 22 — Thirty seven British suppliers to the international construction industry are aiming to boost sales to the Arabian Gulf by taking part in the Middle East Construction Exhibition — Dubai 82. The event opens on Jan. 24 at the Dubai International Trade Center and the British companies will form the largest national group, accounting for nearly 700 square meters of space. They will be supported by the British Overseas Trade Board (BOTB) and their participation is being sponsored and managed by the Building Materials Export Group (BMEG).

DOHA, Oct. 22 — The major new desalination plant complex at Ras Abu Fontas, Qatar, is entering phase IV which will draw on the expertise and technology of an experienced desalination plant contractor for the design and construction.

Abdul Wasie thanks officials for cooperation in pilgrimage

RIYADH, Oct. 22 (SPA) — Pilgrimage and Endowments Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie sent a message of thanks Thursday to Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter, chairman of the Saudi Arabian scout society.

Sheikh Abdul Wasie expressed gratitude for the services of the scout society during the pilgrimage season contributing to the overall success of this year's pilgrimage. On behalf of pilgrims, the minister thanked Khuwaiter and the scouts and their leadership.

The minister also received a reply cable from Makkah Governor Prince Majed who congratulated him on the good results achieved during this year's season. Prince Majed commended the ministry's personnel for their efforts which were a decisive factor in the success of the season completely implementing King Khaled's and Crown Prince Fahd's instructions.

Sheikh Abdul Wasie received another cable of congratulations from Makkah Mayor Abdul Kader Koshak on the success of the pilgrimage. The mayor said the support and directives of Public Works and Housing Labor experts to meet

RIYADH, Oct. 22 (SPA) — Experts in labor and social welfare from the Gulf states will start meeting here Saturday to discuss ways of promoting greater cooperation among their countries, it was stated here Thursday. The Kuwaiti delegation led by the Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Welfare arrived Thursday evening.

Minister Prince Miteb, who is the acting municipal and rural affairs minister, and Makkah Governor Prince Majed.

Koshak also praised the pilgrimage ministry's efforts which secured comfort and ease for pilgrims.

In another development, Hamad Al-Shawi, Makkah governorate undersecretary and chairman of the pilgrimage works executive committee, called Thursday on all parties involved in the pilgrimage and pilgrims service to submit proposals with solutions for any problems which might have surfaced during this year's pilgrimage.

The proposals are to be addressed to the committee's secretariat at the Makkah governorate. The proposals will be discussed at the higher committee's upcoming meeting with the aim of better services to pilgrims and citizens, Shawi said.

3rd traffic office opens

JEDDAH, Oct. 22 — A third traffic office will be opened in the city to serve the residents of the new localities of Radha, Salamah and others nearby, it was disclosed Thursday.

Al-Bilad newspaper said that traffic department officials disclosed that the office will be in addition to those in the southern and northern parts of the city which has been expanding at a rapid pace the last few years. It will be called the southern traffic office.

Of the estimated 1.2 million registered vehicles in the country at least one quarter are registered in Jeddah.

Table with 7 columns: Day, Makkah, Madina, Riyadh, Dammam, Buraidah, Tabuk. Rows include Friday, Fajr (Dawn), Dhuhur (Noon), Asr (Afternoon), Maghreb (Sunset), Isha (Night).

Advertisements for AIBT Arabian Bulk Trade Ltd. (BULK & BAGGED CEMENT AND AGGREGATES) and BINEX The International Co. for Building Materials Ltd. (OFFERS YOU THE BEST BUY IN Building Materials, Access and Support Scaffolding, Formwork and Concrete Additives).

Advertisement for AMERICAN FURNITURE (GOOD TASTE IS NO LONGER EXPENSIVE VISIT) and WELCOME TO THE U.S.A. OR CANADA (Are you tired of your Present Job? Are you Looking for a Better Position? etc.).

Advertisement for GENERAL AGENT WANTED (Leading manufacturer of economic Swiss watches looks for a young, dynamic GENERAL AGENT for Saudi Arabia, located in Jeddah, for the promotion of conventional and the introduction of a new high quality analog quartz range).

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Large advertisement for CITIZEN watches. Text: 'When you buy a Citizen watch You buy our service in India and Pakistan!'. Includes a map of India and Pakistan with service centers marked in Karachi, Lahore, Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Bangalore, and Calcutta. Features an image of a Citizen Quartz watch and an International Guarantee Card.









Our need for religion

Religion is a basic need of human society, not because it serves or fulfills a rational interest or a racial requirement, but because religion relates to the quality of human life.

to an eternal life he does not do that because he belongs to a race. Races survive for thousands of years.

Man's need of religion does not aim at increasing his scientific knowledge. To excel in science and technology man does not need any power outside his own existence.

Hence an ideology cannot be judged as suitable on the basis of how many of scientific lessons or industrial methods it teaches man.

We must not forget that the life of society extends over several generations. These are bound to differ greatly in their habits and traditions.

Islam in perspective

What the Qur'an teaches

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

Let man then reflect, of what he is created: he is created of gushing water which issues from between the loins and the chest bones.

(The Night Visitor 86; 5-17)

a human society must be one in which all sorts of people find satisfaction. There cannot be different versions of the same ideology, each applying to a particular group in society.

Islam is one such good ideology. It is suitable to all human societies. It provides any society which adopts it all what it needs from religion without restricting in any way its scientific advancement and progress.

Arab News welcomes questions about Islam, its principles and practices. Answers by our religious editor will be published in this section every Friday.

Life of the Prophet - 29 Mission fails

Perhaps there can be no denial of the fact that those who find themselves taking a stand against the truth stop at nothing in their attempts to suppress the cause they oppose.

make a very wild claim about Jesus. You may wish to question them about it.

Some people may argue that in their delicate situation the Muslim stand might have been foolhardy. The situation called for a somewhat "diplomatic" stance.

Certainly the Makkah delegation who tried to secure the extradition of the Muslim refugees from Abyssinia was in no such mood. Having failed in their attempt to overcome Al-Najashi's sense of justice by offering precious personal gifts to him.

The following day Amr went back to Al-Najashi and said to him: "These people

Jafar, the spokesman of the Muslims, therefore, answered Al-Najashi's question about their view of Jesus without hesitation: "Our view is that taught us by our Prophet. Jesus is Allah's servant and messenger."

OIC administrators discuss development

By Rama Siddiqi

CESME, Turkey — Methods and techniques for evaluating and implementing development projects were discussed here during a three-week training course.

The course was arranged by the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic countries located in Ankara. Participants were from Indonesia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Iraq, Jordan, Niger, Sudan and Turkey.

The course, called, "Project Evaluation and Management," was organized by the Ankara Center, a subsidiary of the OIC, the Middle East Technical University, Ankara; and the Ege University, Izmir.

program director, the purpose of the course was to provide participants with concentrated theoretical understanding and practical skills and at the same time lead to a better cooperation among the Islamic countries.

Financial assistance to the organizers for the short training program was provided by the Jeddah-based Islamic Solidarity Fund as part of its annual technical assistance activities.

Participants in the course praised the high standards, organizational compatibility of the teachers and cooperative importance of such programs. They all felt that it was time well spent and that such programs will create better understanding and further cooperation among OIC members.

Ankara Center intends to organize two similar training programs in the Middle East and Africa next year. These training programs are expected to become a regular feature of the Ankara Center's activities to encourage administrators to exchange expertise and mutually benefit from their experiences in the economic and social sectors.



COURSE PARTICIPANTS: OIC administrators recently completed a three-week course in Cesme, Turkey sponsored by several training organizations.

The Kingdom is on two migration routes Many ornithologists regard it as a 'bird watchers paradise'

By David Barnes

JEDDAH — If you are new to Saudi Arabia it may come as a surprise that the Kingdom is regarded by many as the proverbial 'bird-watcher's paradise'.

Saudi Arabia provides a wide range of habitats for birds.

made to list the range and occurrence of all the 413 bird species known to date in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Michael C. Jennings. The Birds of Saudi Arabia: A Check-List (A paperback, privately published 1981, 112 pages).

It is preliminary guide only, intended for bird watchers and ornithologists active in Saudi Arabia and for the reference of those studying the distribution of species occurring in the Arabian peninsula.

This book should not be regarded as a 'quick reference' tool or a field guide. The birds are not described or illustrated (save for several eye-catching line drawings by Dr. C.F. Coombs).

The index is also somewhat limiting in that it lists only the birds' scientific name. So, for example the layman should know that the Lammergeyer vulture is quickly located in the index under the family Accipitridae, or by its scientific name Gypaetus barbatus.

Still with the contents — Appendix I deals with a Rejected Species List. Jennings includes 42 species in this list. This would seem to show his objective approach and concern for accuracy.

We are also given an insight into some suggested ornithological regions (seven regions, subdivided into 16-plus map, shown here). Also a map of place names mentioned in the text. And maps of rainfall and relief. The systematic list of birds and definitions cover 53 pages; the appendices include, (apart from the Rejected List) a Bibliography, an extensive Gazetteer and are most useful for those that like to get out into the field.

How can this publication be used effectively? This check-list would be more widely useful if the index of scientific names were supplemented with common English bird names.

With the aid of the Suggested Ornithological Maps, the Systematic List and the Suggested Breeding Range Sketch Maps, one is able to build up a comprehensive species-list prior to venturing out in the field. So save yourself time by planning your bird-watching in advance.

Use The Birds of Saudi Arabia Check-List with the illustrated field guide 'Birds of Britain and Europe with North Africa and the Middle East' (Heinzel, Fitter and Parslow. Still in print and available in several languages). This field guide contains 354 illustrations of the 413 birds listed by Jennings.

illustrated in any book.

One small detail; the check-list is not sufficiently robust. A book as indispensable as this will surely not stand the test of time and the great outdoors.

Finally putting the book in its true perspective the author accepts that until Saudi Arabia is better known ornithologically his volume is a pro-tem measure that awaits the

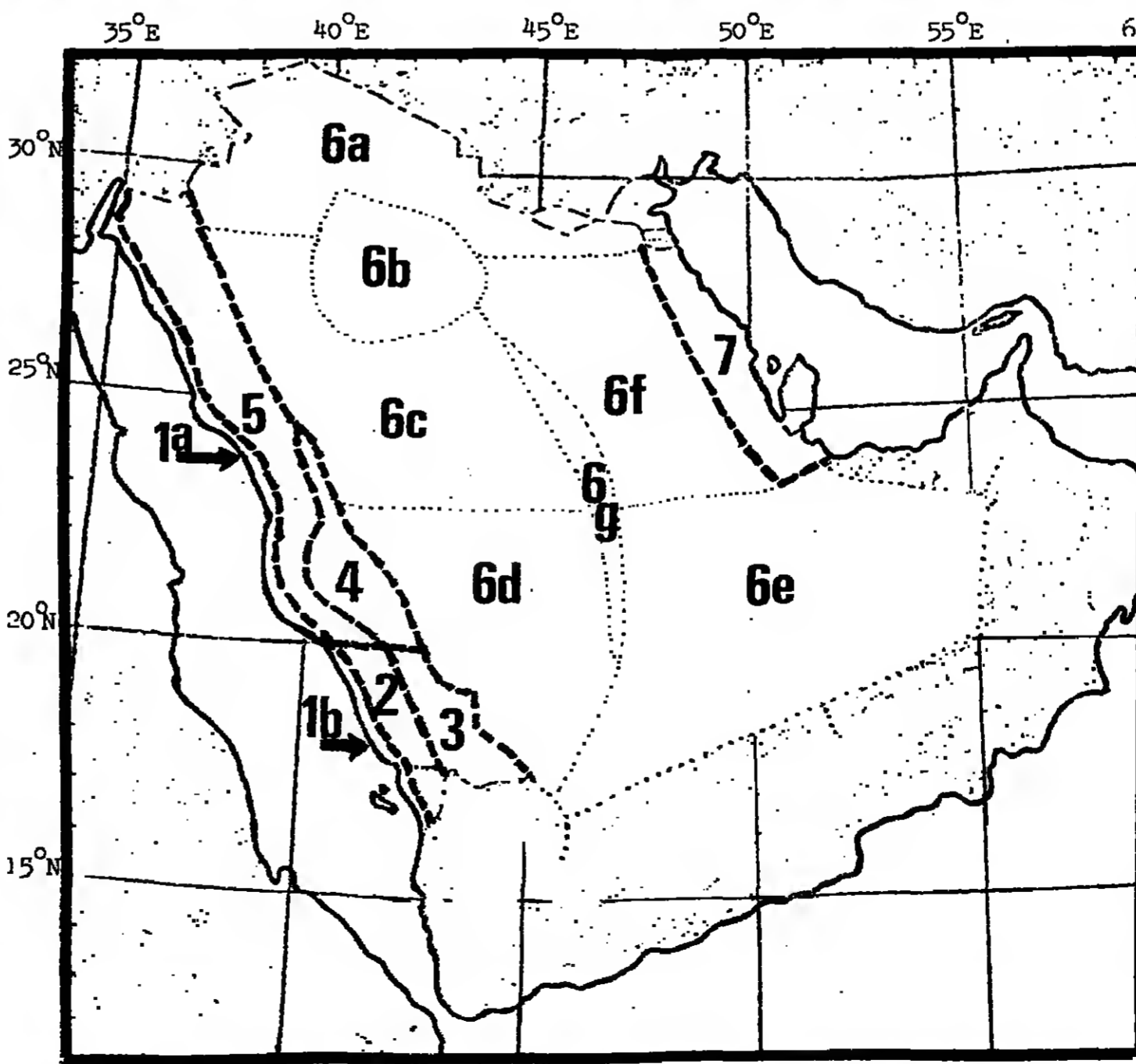
definitive article. He has largely achieved what he set out to do.

Availability: from the author, M.C. Jennings, 63 Blandford Road, Chiswick, London W4. SR50 or E6 Sterling plus postage.

Those interested in Saudi Arabian birds are urged to join one or both of the following societies: Saudi Arabian Natural History Society, P.O. Box 5127, Jeddah Saudi Arabia;

or Ornithological Society of the Middle East, C/O The Lodge Sandy, Bedfordshire, England.

Jennings would also be most grateful to hear from bird-watchers and ornithologists active in Saudi Arabia who can supplement the information shown in the Systematic List and the Suggested Breeding Range Maps. (Address above).



ORNITHOLOGICAL REGIONS: This map of Saudi Arabia points out regions where different types of birds can be found. The book also contains other valuable maps giving place names, topographical and other details which affect the distribution and migration of birds.

Dam threatens wild animals in Salisbury

By Stephen Taylor

SALISBURY — A hush ranger looks out over the banks of the Zambezi where elephants have gathered at evening and reflects: "If they go ahead with the dam we will have lost something irreplaceable."

It is a good time to visit Mana Pools, a game park on an alluvial flood-plain in a remote northern corner of Zimbabwe. No rain has fallen in the Zambezi valley for five months and, with the hinterland dried to tinder, some of the heaviest concentrations of game in Africa have come down to this riverside strip of lush pasture about 40 miles long and three miles wide.

There are large herds of elephant and buffalo, the irascible black rhino, the great cats and their delicate prey, and a stunning variety of birds. But there is a cloud over this primeval chunk of Africa, a threat from the demands of a booming young nation for energy.

Since the opening of the first hydroelectric dam on the Zambezi at Kariba in 1960, planners have been considering options for a second. After years of research the possibilities have been reduced to two sites-Mupata Gorge about 50 miles down river of Mana Pools, and Batoka Gorge, about 30 miles down from the Victoria Falls.

Planners favor the first for the reason that it would be cheaper to build, and last year it became apparent that government was likely to accept their recommendations.

Conservationists and ecologists were horrified. A dam at Mupata Gorge would flood the Mana plain along with about 400 square miles of the Zambezi valley.

Experts say they are able to offer only educated guesses on the consequences. Certainly, in addition to the loss of a valuable natural resource, the plan would devastate wildlife. Without the lush grazing of the flood-plain the valley would be unable to sustain game in anything like the same quantities and many species would have to be halved by culling or left to die off.

The conservation lobby has succeeded in convincing the government that the implications of building the dam at Mupata are so serious that no decision should be taken before a full assessment of the environmental impact.

Thirty experts are working on the study, which is expected to be completed by the beginning of next year. Raoul du Toit, who is coordinating the work, says other drawbacks have been found to the Mupata plan.

Although there is no human habitation in the area which would be affected in Zimbabwe, a number of settlements on the Zambian side of the river would be uprooted.

The creation of a new lake would also increase the potential for malaria and bilharzia, diseases which already have a firm hold in north Zimbabwe.



habitats for birds. One finds deserts, mountains, salt marshes, long stretches of undisturbed coastline, fertile wadis — not to mention tropical vegetation.

Spartan from the migratory species one might encounter anything from a humble Sparrow or more rarely, the Greater Flamingo (though presently plentiful at Jeddah Port). And how might you react to the Blue-checked Bee-eater?

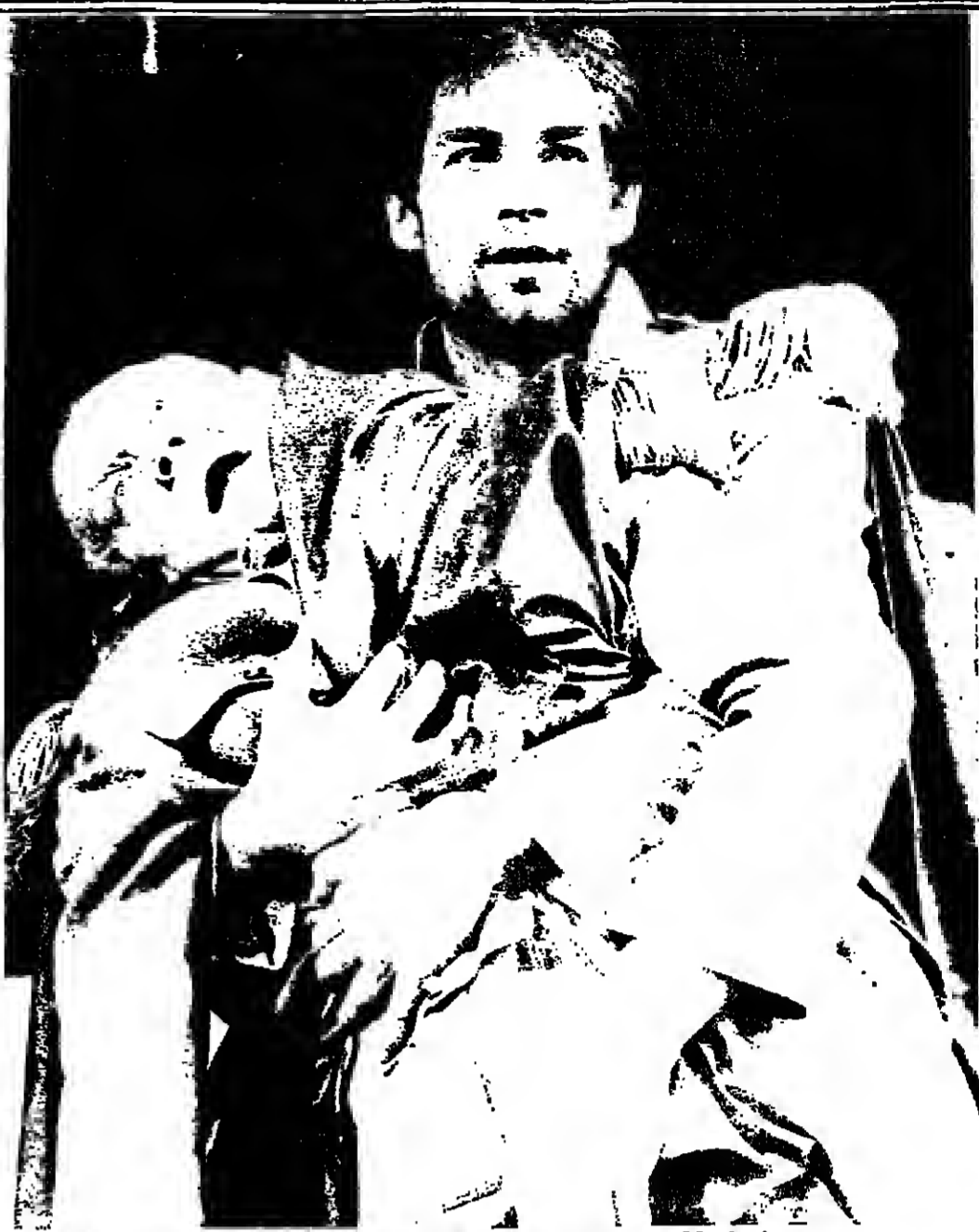
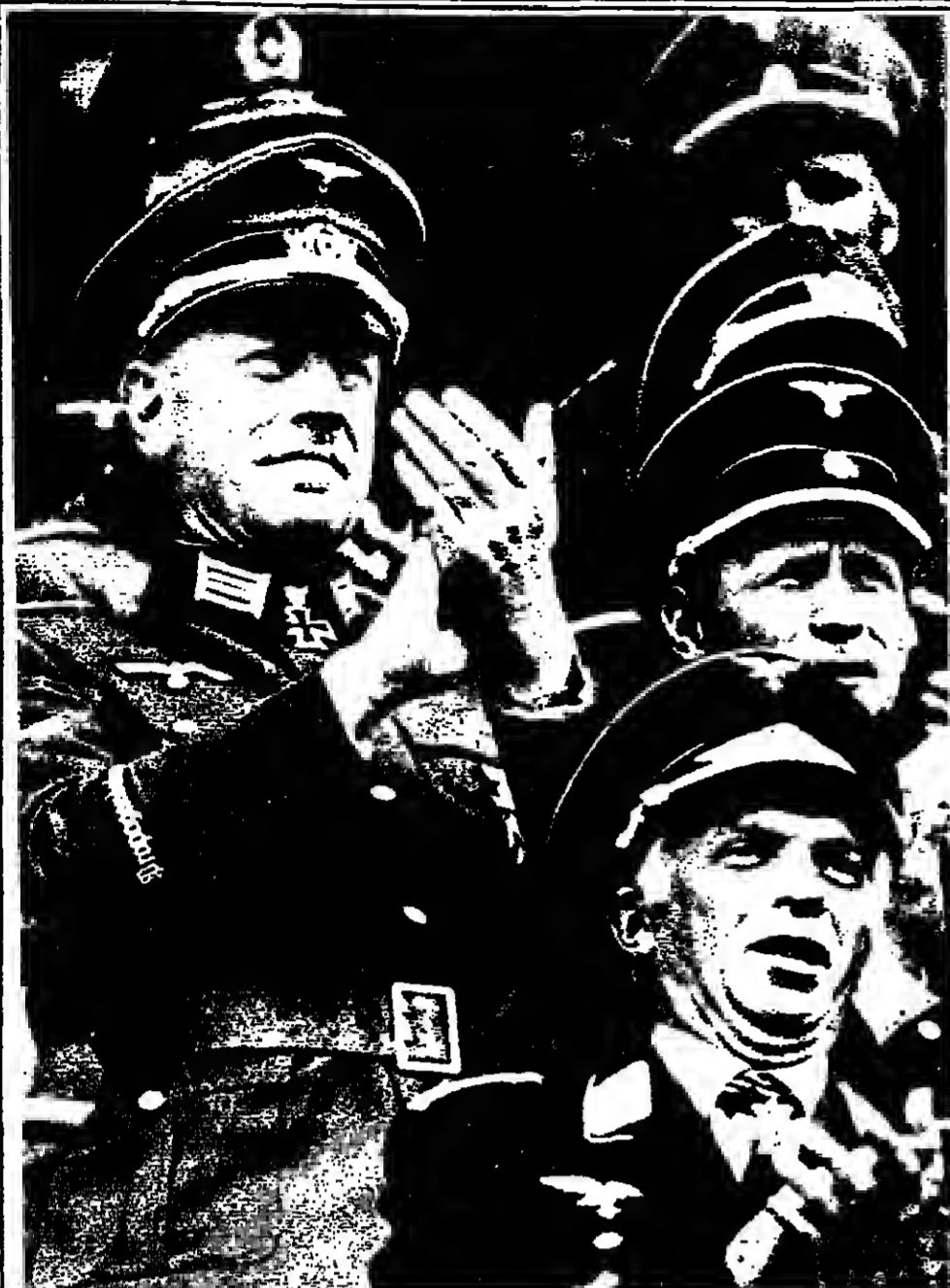
The resident birds are largely made up of the Palearctic Group. This means birds with the geographic range of Europe, Asia — north of the Himalayas, northern Arabia and Africa north of the Sahara desert.

Also in the cooler Hejaz and Asir mountains are found an extremely interesting group of birds. Included in this group is the Stonechat and the Magpie. These are the remnants of a once diverse group of birds that existed on this peninsula — during a more temperate period in its history. Hence, are named 'Temperate Reller' species.

Now, for the first time, an attempt has been







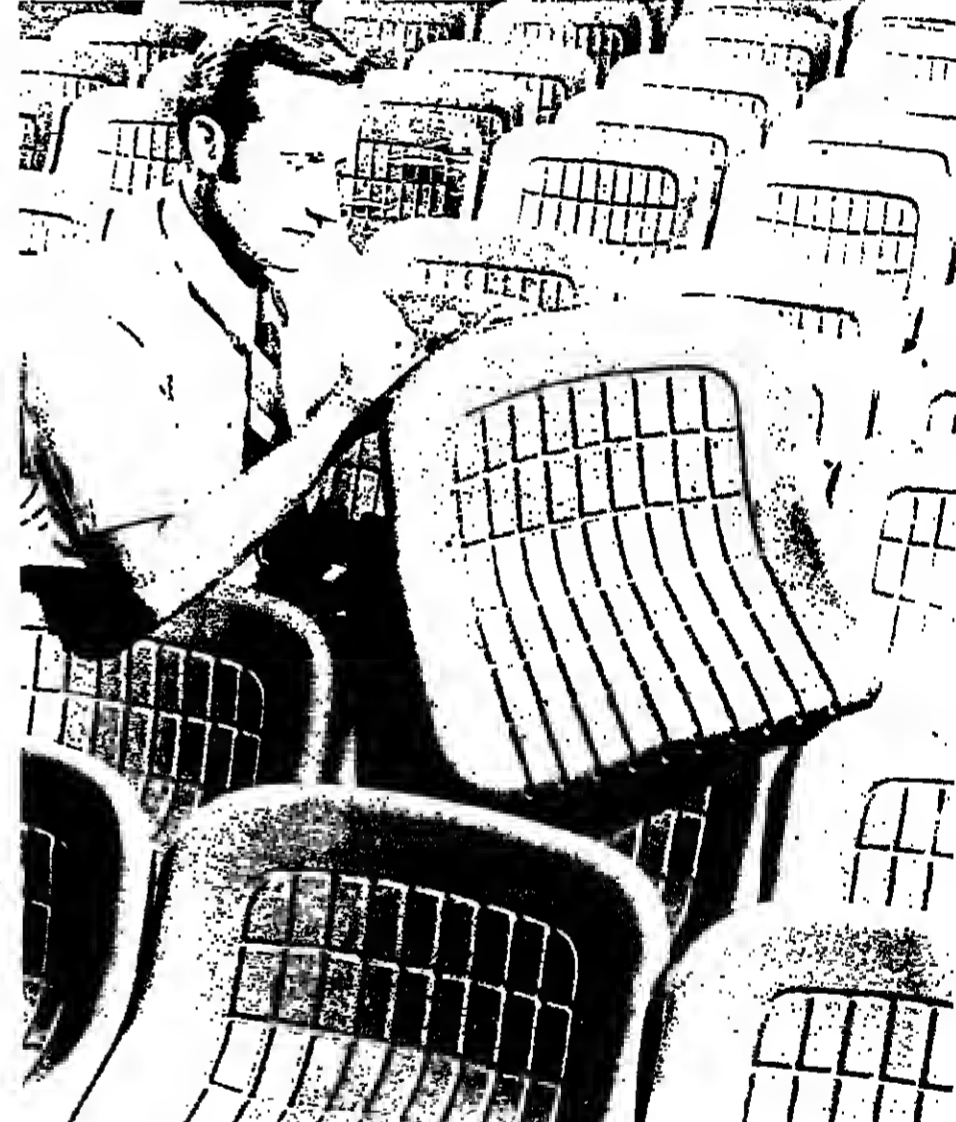
LATEST ENTERTAINMENT: Above, left, Swedish actor Max Von Sydow plays a Nazi propaganda officer in the film, *Escape to Victory*. Center, Sean Connery plays a federal marshal in outer space in his new film, "Outland." In the movie one of Jupiter's moons has been turned into a mining colony and when problems result Connery is sent to investigate. The film develops into a spellbinding adventure into the future world of advanced industrial technology and its effect on humans. Right, more serious theatrics in the performance of *Shakespeare's Rome* at the Mermald Theater in London. Here the dying Caesar (Morgan Sheppard) slumps into the arms of Antony (Timothy Dalton).



SIR ALEXANDER FLEMING: Britain is commemorating the founder of penicillin on the 100th anniversary of Fleming's birth with a series of events at his home town of Darvel in Ayrshire, Scotland. Fleming discovered penicillin in 1928 at St. Mary's hospital in London, opening up a new chapter in medical history.



NEW SPAGHETTI MAKER: Not really, a quality control inspector is seen checking strands of molten nylon polymer at the Firestone Synthetic Fibers plant in Hopewell, Virginia. When cooled, the material is cut into small chips and shipped to the plastics industry for nylon moldings.



CUSHY JOB: This inspector checks the firmness of foam seats produced by Goodyear in Akron, Ohio. The molded foam cushions are designed to absorb vibrations on tractors.



ANTARCTIC SEAL: Tests are being made on this anesthetized seal by a scientist at the McMurdo Station in the Antarctic in cooperation with the U.S. National Science Foundation. She woke up shortly after this photo was taken, groggy but mad.



MOTORCYCLE CARAVAN: Novel motorcycle side car was made by an enthusiast in Manchester, England. It enables several passengers to ride in comfort.





